

OPINION 1348

BOS GAURUS H. SMITH, 1827 (MAMMALIA, ARTIODACTYLA):
CONSERVED

RULING. — (1) Under the plenary powers it is hereby ruled that the species-group name *guavera* Kerr, 1792 as published in the combination *Bos bubalus guavera*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.

(2) The specific name *gaurus* H. Smith, 1827, as published in the binomen *Bos gaurus*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 3012.

(3) the species-group name *guavera* Kerr, 1792, as published in the combination *Bos bubalus guavera* and as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1159.

HISTORY OF THE CASE Z.N.(S.)2309

An application for the conservation of *Bos gaurus* H. Smith, 1827 was first received from Dr C. P. Groves (*Australian National University, Canberra*) on 4 July 1979. After some correspondence a revised draft was sent to the printers on 11 May 1982 and published in *Bull. zool. Nom.*, vol. 39, pp. 279–280. Public notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the statutory serials, seven general and four mammalogical serials. No comment was received.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 15 January 1985 the members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (1985)14 for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nom.* vol. 39, pp. 279–280. At the close of the voting period on 15 April 1985 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative Votes — twenty-three (23) received in the following order: Melville, Holthuis, Brinck, Savage, Lehtinen, Willink, Sabrosky, Trjapitzin, Hahn, Mroczkowski, Cocks, Starobogatov, Bayer, Alvarado, Corliss, Uéno, Schuster, Kraus, Cogger, Heppell, Bernardi, Dupuis, Ride

Negative Votes — none (0).

Late affirmative votes were returned by Halvorsen and Binder.

The following comments were returned by Commissioners with their voting papers:

Holthuis: 'The author's name Knox on the last line of p. 279 of the application (par. 4(3)) evidently is a misprint for Kerr.'

Lehtinen: 'Point (3) of the printed application includes an obvious but nomenclaturally essential lapsus or printing error. It should read: (3) to

place the species-group name *guavera* Kerr, 1792, . . . not Knox, 1792.' [This misprint was noted by the Secretary and is corrected in the present ruling.]

Hahn: 'Apparently, the name *guavera* was first used by Pennant, 1781, not by Kerr, 1792 (" . . . the description, as is usual with Kerr, is in fact only a paraphrase of Pennant"). Why then, under (1), is written *guavera* Kerr, 1792?' [The Secretary pointed out that although the description by Pennant does indeed predate that of Kerr, Pennant uses only a single vernacular name 'Guavera'. Kerr's description was the first to use an available binominal name].

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion: *gaurus*, *Bos*, H. Smith, 1827 in *Griffith's Cuvier, Mammals* vol. 4, p. 399
guavera, *bubalus*, *Bos*, Kerr, 1792, *Animal Kingdom*, p. 339.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (85)14 were cast as set out above, that the proposals contained in that voting paper have been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1348.

R. V. MELVILLE

Secretary

International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

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